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SUBJ: GAO INVESTIGATION OF THAILAND

REF: A. DEF 012130Z JUL 70. B. STATE 106309

JOINT STATE /AID/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. REF: A. SUMMARIZED SCOPE OF SUBJECT REVIEW REQUESTED BY THE SYMINGTON SUBCOMMITTEE AND INDICATED THAT APPLICABLE GUIDANCE WOULD FOLLOW. REF B INDICATED THAT SPECIFIC AND DETAILED TERMS OF REFERENCE HAD NOT YET BEEN WORKED OUT WITH SYMINGTON

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SUBCOMMITTEE.

2. THE GUIDANCE PROMISED REF A FOLLOWS:

A. DOD DIRECTIVE 7650.1 WILL APPLY FOR DOD PERSONNEL AND
4. FAM 930-934 WILL APPLY FOR STATE AND AID PERSONNEL,
SUBJECT TO SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDANCE BELOW.

B. CARE IN DETERMINING ACCESSIBILITY AND RELEASABILITY
OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS MUST BE EXERCISED
BUT WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED HEREIN, FIELD SHOULD
ADOPT FULLY COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD GAO INVESTIGATION.

C. GAO REPRESENTATIVES, BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND IN THE FIELD,
ARE AUTHORIZED TO CONSULT FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE
RECEIPT, DISBURSEMENT AND APPLICATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR
ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND. THIS WOULD INCLUDE VERIFICATION OF
DELIVERIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES TO THE
EXTENT THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT QUESTIONING THAIS
OR AGENCIES OF THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT (RTG).

D. ANY DOCUMENT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO PINCUS AND PAUL
OR SYMINGTON SUBCOMMITTEE MAY BE SHOWN TO GAO WITHOUT REFERENCE
TO WASHINGTON AND COPIES MAY ALSO BE GIVEN, IF REQUESTED.
AUTHORITATIVE LISTING OF DOCUMENTS GIVEN TO PINCUS AND
PAUL OR SYMINGTON SUBCOMMITTEE BEING SENT SEPTEL. HOWEVER,
DOCUMENTS PREVIOUSLY SHOWN TO PINCUS AND PAUL BUT NOT PRO-
VIDED TO THEM OR SUBCOMMITTEE SHOULD BE TREATED UNDER GENERAL
GUIDANCE (2E, 2F AND 2G BELOW.)

E. MISSION SHOULD NOT WITHOUT SPECIFIC WASHINGTON AUTHORITY
ALLOW GAO PERSONNEL TO CONSULT OR OTHERWISE HAVE ACCESS TO
THE FOLLOWING:

(1) DOCUMENTS RELATING TO WAR PLANS, FUTURE MASF OR U.S.
MILITARY OPERATIONS BUDGET AND PLANNING DATA.

(2) CONFIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE EXCHANGED BETWEEN HEADS
OF STATE.

(3) PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDA (OTHER THAN THAT ON FY 1970 AID
PROGRAM OF JANUARY 13, 1970)

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(4) REPORTS OF INSPECTORS GENERAL (NOT INCLUDING IGA REPORTS ON AID ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND

(5) PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORTS.

(6) INTERNAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH (OTHER THAN AID OR USOM UNLESS SUBJECT TO (8) BELOW) WORKING PAPERS AND MEMORANDA.

(7) TELEGRAMS, MEMORANDA OR OTHER DOCUMENTS (OTHER THAN AID OR SUMM UNLES SUBJECT TO (8) BELOW) REVEALING SENSITIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF U.S. NEGOTIATIONS WITH RTG.

(8) OTHER MATERIAL WHICH THE AMBASSADOR OR MAJOR MILITARY COMPONENT COMMANDERS CONSIDER MAY BE SENSITIVE AND COULD, IF REVEALED, HAVE A SERIOUS ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE CONDUCT OF USG RELATIONS WITH THE RTG OR WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OR MIGHT OTHERWISE PREJUDICE THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE US.

F. IF GAO REPRESENTATIVES REQUEST ACCESS TO SUCH SENSITIVE MATERIAL (2E ABOVE) WHICH IN OPINION OF AMBASSADOR OR MAJOR MILITARY COMPONENT COMMANDERS SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED, THEY SHOULD BE ADVISED TO REFER REQUEST TO STATE OR DEFENSE AS APPROPRIATE THROUGH GAO WASHINGTON CHANNELS FOR DETERMINATION REGARDING RELEASABILITY.

G. WITH EXCEPTION DOCUMENTS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN PINCUS AND PAUL ON SYMINGTON SUBCOMMITTEE, COPIES OF DOD DOCUMENTS, OTHER THAN THE TYPE ROUTINELY FURNISHED DURING THE COURSE OF NORMAL GAO AUDITS, WILL NOT BE FURNISHED TO THE GAO WITHOUT PRIOR DOD APPROVAL. IF FIELD REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GAO REQUEST COPIES OF SUCH DOCUMENTS, THEY SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT DOD PREFERS TO MAKE DECISION ON RELEASE OF COPIES AFTER DISCUSSION WITH GAO IN WASHINGTON.

H. BELIEVE GAO REPRESENTATIVES WILL HAVE NO NEED TO CONSULT HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS OR AGENCIES FOR PURPOSES PRESENT REVIEW AND CONTACTS WITH RTG COULD HAVE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES. STATE EXPECTS TO REACH UNDERSTANDING IN WASHINGTON THAT GAO REPRESENTATIVES WILL NOT APPROACH RTG OFFICIALS AND /OR AGENCIES IN GANKOK OR SAIGON. IF

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3. RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS OF ALL CONCERNED AGENCIES SHOULD CONSULT WITH THE AMBASSADOR OR HIS DESIGNED REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE FOREGOING GUIDANCE TO SUCH INVESTIGATIONS AS THE GAO REPRESENTATIVES MAY WISH TO CARRY OUT IN THOSE ORGANIZATIONS.

3. TWO (2) COPIES OF EACH DOCUMENT REQUIRING WASHINGTON DECISION UNDER 2 ABOVE SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR, THAILAND/BURMA, BUREAU OF EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE OR TO THE DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS, MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND SALES, OSAD (ISA) IN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, AS APPROPRIATE, UNLESS COPIES OF SUCH DOCUMENTS PREVIOUSLY HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO WASHINGTON AGENCIES.

4. CASES REFERRED TO WASHINGTON FOR DECISION SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY THE SUBMITTING AGENCY'S RECOMMENDATION AS TO RELEASABILITY TO GAO.
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